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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT TO LAGOS OF ROK AMBASSADOR

REF: ABIDJAN 5344

1. AMBASSADOR WOO SUK HAN, THE ROK AMBASSADOR IN ABIDJAN, CALLED ON CHARGE JUNE 15 TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FMG AND THE ROK. AMBASSADOR HAN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING WHETHER THE IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USG AND THE FMG MEANT THAT THE USG COULD NOW BE OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ROK IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THOSE RELATIONS. CHARGE TOLD HIM THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER THIS TO BE THE CASE. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FMG IS NOT SO GOOD THAT THE FMG IS LIKELY TO ALTER ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS RELATIONS WITH THE ROK IN ITS FAVOR JUST BECAUSE THE US WOULD BE PLEASE IF IT DID SO. CHARGE SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE ROK WOULD PROBABLY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE FMG IF THERE WERE NON LINKAGE WHATSOEVER BETWEEN THAT ISSUE AND THE USG. IF THEY DO BECOME LINKED, THOSE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT WHO ARGUE THAT THE FMG ALREADY

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HAS AN UNDESIRABLE PRO-AMERICAN TILT WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTATION WITH WHICH TO OPPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR HAN SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT THE FMG HAS BEEN STUDYING THE ISSUE OF WHETHER IT SHOULD ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE ROK AND THAT THE MATTER MAY SOON BE

BROUGHT FOR DECISION TO THE SMC. CHARGE TOLD HIM HE
HAD NO INFORMATION ON THIS SCORE BUT THAT THE EMBASSY WILL
DISCREETLY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. AMBASSADOR HAN INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO
HAVE ANY DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH FMG OFFICIALS WHILE
VISITING LAGOS. HE IMPLIED THAT SOME FEELERS HAD BEEN
PUT OUT BY SOUTH KOREAN BUSINESSMEN IN LAGOS AND THAT
DIRECT CONTACTS HAD NOT BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE FMG.
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